



2007 MWA President, N6XAK



2007 MWA V-P, N8OZY



2007 MWA Sec/Tres, N8HGL

"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."

MWA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

We have a new sheriff in town and a couple new deputies.

At the October meeting of MWA new officers have been elected for the 2007 calendar year.

Bill Harris, N6XAK is the new MWA President.

MWA V-President is Randy Crowe, N8OZY. Randy was the V-President of MWA this past year.

The new MWA Secretary/Treasurer is Bob Steele, N8HGL

Past MWA President, Leroy Heck, N8UEV, had mixed feelings about stepping down, but was happy for the new leadership.

Past MWA Secretary/Treasurer Norene Arnold, N8TJM was excited about the change of command and was looking forward to other volunteer efforts within MWA.

All three new MWA officers were pleased with the confidence that MWA members placed in them, and look forward to the coming year.

The November meeting of MWA will feature Rick Heis, N8PDQ, DEC District 2, WV section with a presentation on Emergency Beacon Satellite systems and Repeaterism's and basic repeater etiquette. We will also discuss the ARES training net and ARES Christmas Parade involvement.

Rick Heis, N8PDQ

MWA Meeting info

- November 21, 2006
- Third Tuesday of every month **7:00pm**
- Refreshments at 6:30pm
- Red Cross office
White Birch Towers
3rd Floor
- Meeting topic
-ARES Net info
-Repeaterisms
-Emergency Beacon
Satellite system info
-Christmas Parade info
- Refreshments & snacks
- Equipment set up assistance

MWA INFO

President

Leroy Heck – N8UEV

Vice President

Randy Crowe – N8OZY

Secretary/Treasurer

Norene Arnold – N8TJM

ARES Mon. County

Emergency Coordinator

Bob Steele – N8HGL

Web Administrator

Roger Neptune – KC8YNZ

<http://www.gsl.net/W8MWA>

Net Control – Wed 7:30pm

Jim Southern – KC8GGX

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ARES 'GO - KIT' VEHICLE "PRICELESS"

CAPTION THIS PHOTO

The one with the most toys, wins!!!

When your spouse asks if you really need another radio, show him/her this photo.

Does the electrical inspector have jurisdiction over 'mobile' electrical?

Can you tell...do I have XM or Sirius satellite radio?

I have one remote for all of these radios!

Christmas Parade Ham Help

The City of Morgantown has requested MWA and ARES to assist with communications during the Morgantown annual Christmas Parade, Friday December 1.

Bill Harris, N6XAK (President elect MWA) has asked the ARES members of Monongalia County to assist with the annual Christmas Parade. Bob Steele, N8HGL (Secretary/Treasurer elect MWA), Emergency Coordinator has volunteered the ARES members of Monongalia County to assist with the parade communications.

Mike Hopkins, parade coordinator, will be at the November meeting of MWA to provide details.

Bob Steele will need your volunteerism. This is a great opportunity to showcase amateur radio, ARES, MWA and will also be 'giving back' to the community. Contact Bob Steele for details.

Bill, N6XAK

- Parade Coordinators:
Mike & Ruth Hopkins
- MWA Parade Coordinator:
Bill Harris, N6XAK
- EC Coordinator:
Bob Steele, N8HGL
- Friday, Dec 1 at 5:00 – 9:00pm
- Details at MWA Nov. meeting
- Parade route: High Street
- VHF radios - repeaters



MWA new meeting location

White Birch Tower Building
1299 Pineview Drive
Morgantown WV
Red Cross area on 3rd floor

The Wouff Hong

Every amateur should know and tremble at the history and origins of this fearsome instrument for the punishment of amateurs who cultivate bad operating habits and who nourish and culture their meaner instincts on the air.



It was invented--or at any rate, discovered--by "The Old Man" himself, just as amateurs were getting back on the air after World War One. "The Old Man" (who later turned out to be Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, co-founder and first president of ARRL) first heard the Wouff Hong described amid the howls and garble of QRM as he tuned across a band filled with signals which exemplified all the rotten operating practices then available to amateurs, considering the state of the art as they knew it. As amateur technology and ingenuity have

advanced, we have discovered many new and improved techniques of rotten operating, but we're ahead of our story.

As The Old Man heard it, the Wouff Hong was being used on some hapless offender so effectively that he investigated. After further effort, "T.O.M." was able to locate and identify a Wouff Hong. He wrote a number of QST articles about contemporary rotten operating practices and the use of the Wouff Hong to discipline the offenders.

Early in 1919, The Old Man wrote in QST "I am sending you a specimen of a real live Wouff Hong which came to light out here . . . Keep it in the editorial sanctum where you can lay hands on it quickly in an emergency." The "specimen of a real live Wouff Hong" was presented to a meeting of the ARRL Board and QST reported later that "each face noticeably blanched when the awful Wouff Hong was . . . laid upon the table." The Board voted that the Wouff Hong be framed and hung in the office of the Secretary of the League and there it remains to this day, a sobering influence on every visitor to League Headquarters who has ever swooshed a carrier across a crowded band.

The Old Man never prescribed the exact manner in which the Wouff Hong was to be used, but amateurs need only a little imagination to surmise how painful punishments were inflicted on those who stoop to liddish behavior on the air.

Bob, WA8YCD

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MONONGALIA **ARES** NET (MOAN)

Wednesday following the third Tuesday at 7:30 PM on 145.43- PL 103.5 / W8MWA Repeater.

This month the net will be Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30pm.

This is an ARES training net, have plenty of paper and pens available.

This net will be explained at the MWA meeting. There will be an ARES training net every month, different training issues each month. Contact Bob Steele for details.

SKYWARN Recognition Day

Saturday, Dec 2

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Mountain State Emergency Net

meets the first Thursday of each month on 3.865 MHz, immediately following the closing of the WV Fone Net (which meets at 6 PM Eastern).

Shopping for a Radio

President Elect Message

With so much equipment on the market today, it is difficult at best to make a decision on new equipment. There are many approaches to shopping for our toys. The most important is, do I need it. Now if you are a true Ham, it doesn't matter if you need it or not. The second most important question is, Do I Want It? Now we are getting to the meat of the matter. Lastly, ask yourself, CAN I AFFORD IT? Again, if you are a true ham, it doesn't matter if you want it bad enough.

Over the past 20 years or so, I have seen so many dream machines come on the market, that to succumb to all the ads, I would be living in my travel trailer. Of course, I would have all the toys I wanted, but good luck finding a place to use them. So, take the sensible (ugh) approach to shopping. My theory is, buy as much radio as you can use and afford. For example if you can afford a really nice HF base rig and a nice VHF/UHF rig, go for it (assuming you have a place to set them up). But most of us working class cannot. So, my last base radio purchase, for example, was an ICOM 736MKII. It's a nice little radio that gives me the best of both worlds and I can use it base or mobile. In my particular application, I am presently a care giver to someone and living in their home. My shack and office is a large walk in closet. This radio allows me to get on the air, although it be mobile most of the time, a lot more often than I thought would be possible. When we were

living in our own home, we had a nice station in the house with all the goodies at hand and a lot of bells and whistles on the bench to play with. I guess what I am getting at is pick something that suits your needs. If you are limited in space, you can do it. If you are limited in the pocket book, you can do it. There are many members of the club that would be glad to help you get started. Setting up a station can be as simple as a used radio and mike, a key (optional), antenna tuner, and some wire and insulators. There are some good kits on the market if you are a do it yourselfer. I have set up several stations for as little as 2-300 dollars complete. The last radio I bought was at a swap meet for 50 bucks and it works just fine. If you are not sure buying this way, ask them to let you power it up. If they have any integrity at all, they will let you. Don't be afraid to ask, right up front, if there are any "personality" traits of the radio that you should know about. Some have sticky knobs or scratchy tuners. These are usually simple fixes and can be a good negotiating tool when buying. If it's an old radio and missing parts, think out if you can get the parts for it or are you just buying a boat anchor? Some collectors don't care and will search forever for those hard to find parts and remember the impossible just takes longer.

De N6XAK

What is a Repeatersium?

At the November meeting of MWA we will be discussing several topics.

Mike Hopkins will be attending and discussing the Christmas Parade. He is asking for our communications assistance.

Rick Heis, N8PDQ will discuss how the Emergency Beacon/GPS/Satellite/Search and Rescue system works. Rick is a ICS incident commander with the Civil Air Patrol.

Repeaterisms and the new ARES training net.

SKYWARN Recognition Day is Saturday, December 2

The 8th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 2, 2006. SKYWARN Recognition Day is an event co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League, and it is the National Weather Service's way of saying "thank you" to Amateur Radio operators for their commitment to helping keep their communities safe. During the 24-hour special event, amateur radio operators will visit their local National Weather Service (NWS) office, set up Amateur Radio stations, and work as a team to contact other hams across the world.

"Ham radio operators volunteering as storm spotters are an extremely valuable asset to National Weather Service operations since they are cross-trained in both communications and severe storm recognition", says Scott Mentzer (N***QE), organizer of the event and Meteorologist-In-Charge at the NWS office in Goodland, Kansas.

In typical warning operations, it is the direct communication between mobile spotters and the local NWS office which provides vital ground truth information. Spotter reports of hail size, wind damage and surface-based rotation in real time greatly assists the radar warning operator since that information can be correlated with Doppler radar displays. The result can range anywhere from a more strongly-worded statement to convey a greater sense of urgency, or the issuance of a tornado warning a few minutes earlier than would otherwise have been possible.

While National Weather Service offices utilize the real-time reporting of severe weather events to assist in warning operations, hurricanes and tropical storms have shown us that ham radio operators are equally important during the recovery phase of natural disasters.

There are countless stories where ham radio worked in tandem with more conventional technology to relay emergency traffic.

Details of the Event

SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from on December 2, 2006, from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC.

The object is for all radio amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

The exchange should include call sign, signal report, location, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.).

NWS stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/ NWS).

The National Weather Service will provide event information via the internet. Event certificates may be requested from:

SKYWARN Recognition Day
920 Armory Road,
Goodland, KS 67735

Simply enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a list of NWS stations worked. The certificate size is 8.5 x 11 inches.

Separate NWS stations will also issue individual QSL cards. See the Web page for a list. To learn more, check out the Web site: <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>.

Forward this
newsletter via
email or snail mail
to those who
would appreciate
a copy.

Print out a copy(s)
and leave at work
or school or a
doctor's office.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF MWA
EMERGENCY SATELLITE BEACON INFO
REPEATER ETIQUETTE
REPEATERISMS
ARES NET DISCUSSION

MWA – MARA Annual Holiday Dinner
Tygart Lake State Park Lodge
Saturday, Dec 9, 2006
7:00pm dinner (6:00pm social hour)

NEW MWA meeting location
will have a talk in frequency
MWA repeater on 145.43
(tone 103.5)

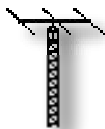
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Cell 685-0862

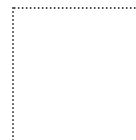
Cell 216-1726

Bring a friend to the meeting

MWA web site <http://www.qsl.net/W8MWA>



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